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AMENDMENT "B"

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INVENTION: **"DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROCESSING AND PRINTING
INFORMATION"**

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2006, reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks is hereby requested.

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected the claims 22, 23, 26 – 29, 32 – 34, 36, 38, and 39 as anticipated by Kitada, rejected claims 30, 31, 37 and 39 as obvious over Kitada in view of Lee, and indicated that claims 24, 25, 35 and 40 - 44 are directed to allowable subject matter but are dependent on a rejected base claim.

The Kitada et al. Published Patent Application No. US 2005/0246272 A1 was filed on September 12, 2001, and so has a §102(e) date of September 12, 2001. The present application is a PCT application that was filed on March 31, 2000, and further claimed the priority benefit of a German application filed on April 1, 1999. As such, the present application predates the Kitada so that Kitada should be removed as cited art. Thus, the rejection over Kitada is in error and should be withdrawn.

The Lee reference alone fails to disclose the features of the claimed invention. As such, the rejection over Lee should be withdrawn as well.